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Examiner: P. Greene

For: MICROELECTRONIC ASSEMBLIES WITH
COMPOSITE CONDUCTIVE ELEMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The present communication is responsive to the Official Action mailed March 29, 2002. A petition for a two-month extension of the term for response to said Official Action, to and including June 29, 2002, is transmitted herewith.

The Official Action set forth a restriction requirement as between Group I, claims 1-19, and Group II, claims 20-24. In a telephone interview between undersigned counsel and Examiner Pershelle Greene on May 30, 2002, undersigned counsel requested that the restriction requirement be modified so as to place claims 1-15 and 20-24 in one group and place claims 16-19 in another group. As correctly pointed out by the Examiner, claims 16-19 do not require the type of conductive element defined in claim 20. However, claim 1 does require such a conductive element; the language of claim 1, paragraph (a) tracks the language of independent claim 20 with the sole exception that claim 1 does not require the use of a "spherical core." Claim 5, dependent from claim 1, does require the use of a spherical core. As pointed out by counsel,

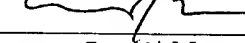
examination of claims 1-15 necessarily would require a search directed to the features set forth in claims 20-24. Accordingly, it was agreed in such telephone interview that the restriction requirement would be modified as requested by counsel, so as to require restriction between claims 1-15 and 20-24 as a first group, and claims 16-19 as a second group.

In response to the restriction requirement as modified, applicant hereby elects the first group namely, claims 1-15 and 20-24 for examination in the present application. The non-elected claims have not been canceled but, instead, have been retained in the application pending consideration as to filing of a divisional application.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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